



CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Jeannie Hefty, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jeannie Hefty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: John Ekes, Ed Johnson, Bob Grandi, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Jon Schultz, Tom Preusker and Todd Bauman. Excused: none

Also present: City Administrator Carina Walters, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Finance Director Steve DeQuaker, Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins, Police Chief Mark Anderson, Fire Chief Alan Babe, DPW Director James Bergles, Building Inspector Gregory Guidry and Library Director Joe Davies.

Student Representatives - Present: Ryan Werner. Excused: Gabriel King

Before the meeting began, Mayor Hefty introduced and welcomed Joe Davies as the new Library Director and also announced that this would be Alderman Ekes last Council meeting and thanked him for his years of service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

2. Citizens Comments and Questions

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2017

A motion was made by Alderman Dawidziak with a second by Alderman Vos to approve the minutes from February 21, 2017. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. Topic: Resolution 4823(42) to consider approving the purchase of a “Class B” Liquor License from the Town of Spring Prairie, Wisconsin.

Walters reviewed the background history and explained that the Spring Prairie Town Board would be reviewing this offer at their next meeting for possible approval.

Alderman Schultz inquired as to the cost of the reserve license according to state statute of whether the cost of the reserve license is up to \$10,000 or at least \$10,000. Walters responded that the amount of the reserve is to be a minimum of \$10,000 and there is no cap. Schultz then further asked, upon issuance, if it's the City's intent to change the amount of the reserve license to fully cover the cost of the license. Walters responded that it is the City's intent to recoup the cost of the reserve license.

Alderman Vos asked if any other communities offered to sell a license to the City or if there were other communities the City could reach out to. Walters responded that four letters were mailed and two responses have been received thus far. Bjelajac added that according to state statute, municipalities must be within 2 miles.

Alderman Preusker asked if there were any contingencies with this offer. Walters responded that there were none, other than the purchase price of \$12,500.

5. **Topic: Resolution 4824(43)** to consider amending the City of Burlington Fee Schedule.

Mayor Hefty tabled this item until further notice.

6. **Topic: Ordinance 2021(17)** to consider repealing Chapter 100-2, “Public Dances and Dance Halls” of the Municipal Code of the City of Burlington in its entirety.

Megan Watkins reviewed the background and history of the dance ordinance stating that it was originally drafted in 1924; however, no documentation could be found as to why it was drafted in the first place and a permit has not been issued since 1996. Watkins stated the ordinance is antiquated and recommended council repeal this ordinance in its entirety.

7. **Topic: Motion 17-865** to consider approving the 2017 Fireworks for the Fourth of July.

Walters presented the agreement and stated that Five Star has provided fireworks for the Fourth of July since 2014 with great success and popularity and recommended council approve the agreement for this year’s celebration.

Alderman Bauman asked if the fireworks would be lit from the Chocolatefest Grounds and several alderman asked Chief Babe of the possibilities of lighting the fireworks over Echo Lake. Chief Babe explained the safety issues and the size barge that would be necessary to light off the amount of fireworks the City has contracted for.

8. **Topic: Motion 17-866** – to consider approving an Airport Hangar Lease with Dale Severs and Karen Riccio for 832 Hotel Taxiway, at the Burlington Municipal Airport.

Walters explained that this motion is a standard lease approval in which Mr. Severs is already leasing the hangar but is adding Riccio to the lease.

9. **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Alderman Vos with a second by Alderman Preusker to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diahnn C. Halbach
City Clerk
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